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Anders PETTERSSON et al.

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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE DISORDERS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Official Action of September 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 as follows:

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--A variety of polymers known in the art can be used as bio/mucoadhesion promoting agents. In addition to their polymeric nature, their ability to swell is important. On the other hand, it is also important that they are substantially insoluble in water. Their swelling factor by volume when brought into contact with water or saliva should preferably be at least 10, while a factor of at least 20 is more preferred. Examples of such bio/mucoadhesion promoting agents include cellulose